## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

In re:	BKY Case No.: 08-46367
ARC Venture Holding, Inc., et al.,	Chapter 7 (Jointly Administered)
Debtors. <sup>a</sup>	
Brian F. Leonard, Trustee,	Adv. No.: 10-4504
Plaintiff,	
VS.	SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Brett A. Saunders dba Saunders Electrical Construction,

Defendant.

In consideration of the covenants and provisions contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, Brian F. Leonard, Plaintiff and Trustee of the Estate of ARC Venture Holding, Inc., Southwest-Tex Leasing Co., Inc. d/b/a Advantage Rent-A-Car, Coast Leasing Corp., and jointly administered cases ("Trustee"), and Defendant Brett A. Saunders dba Saunders Electrical Construction ("Saunders"), have entered into this Settlement Agreement. This Settlement Agreement settles all claims the Trustee asserted in *Brian F. Leonard, Trustee v. Brett A. Saunders dba Saunders Electrical Construction*, ADV. No. 10-4504 (Bankr. D. Minn.).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Jointly administered estates of the following Debtors: ARC Venture Holding, Inc., Case No. 08-46367; Southwest-Tex Leasing Co., Inc., d/b/a Advantage, Case No. 08-46368; Advantage Rent-A-Car, Inc., Case No. 08-46369; Coast Leasing Corp., Case No. 08-46370; Floral Leasing Corp., Case No. 08-46371; Iliad Leasing Corp., Case No. 08-46372; Miso Leasing Corp., Case No. 08-46373; Nugget Leasing Corp., Case No. 08-46374; Okra Leasing Corp., Case No. 08-46375; Rainier Leasing Corp., Case No. 08-46376; San Antonio Rental & Leasing Co., Inc.; Case No. 08-46377; Steamboat Springs Rental and Leasing Co., Inc., Case No. 08-46379; Sun Leasing Corporation, Case No. 08-46380; Tradewinds U-Drive, Inc., Case No. 08-46383 Ute Leasing Corporation, Case No. 08-46384; Advantage Licensing LLC, Case No. 09-40394.

WHEREAS, on November 23, 2010, the Trustee filed a complaint to avoid transfers by Coast Leasing Corp. of \$140,078.70 to Saunders under 11 U.S.C. §§547(b) and 550(a). Saunders denied liability on the claims and asserted various defenses including subsequent new value given under 11 U.S.C. §547(c). Because continued litigation would require extensive proof of factual matters and would be costly to the Bankruptcy Estate and to Saunders, the parties believe it is in their best interest and the best interest of creditors of the Bankruptcy Estate to settle all claims in this adversary proceeding.

## NOW THEREFORE, THE TRUSTEE AND SAUNDERS STIPULATE AND AGREE:

- 1. Saunders shall pay the Trustee Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) ("Settlement Funds") by February 7, 2010 in full satisfaction of the Trustee's claims. The Settlement Funds shall be made payable to "Brian F. Leonard, Trustee", and shall be sent to the Trustee's counsel, Andrea M. Hauser, Leonard, O'Brien, Spencer, Gale and Sayre, Ltd.,100 South Fifth Street, Suite 2500, Minneapolis, MN 55402.
- 2. Upon the Trustee's receipt of the Settlement Funds, the Trustee will deposit the Settlement Funds into his trustee account and will notice the settlement to creditors and parties in interest under the Local Bankruptcy Rules, Bankruptcy Rule 9019, and other applicable rules as soon as practicable.
- 3. If any creditor or party in interest objects upon notice, and if the Bankruptcy Court does not approve the Agreement, the Trustee will immediately return all Settlement Funds to counsel for Saunders, Robert B. Fougner, Robert B. Fougner, P.C., 2475 Elevado Road, Vista CA 92084, and the parties will no longer be bound to or be prejudiced by this Agreement and will return to their prior rights, claims and positions in this adversary proceeding.
  - 4. Upon payment of the Settlement Funds and the Bankruptcy Court's approval of

this Agreement, the Trustee releases and discharges Saunders and his respective successors and assigns, and its officers, directors, shareholders, members, participants, managers, employees, agents, representatives, parents, subsidiaries, insurers and attorneys, from all actions that the Trustee had, has or in the future may have against them arising out of or in connection with any fact alleged or that could have been alleged in this adversary proceeding. The Trustee is unaware of any other existing claims that the Bankruptcy Estate may assert against Saunders

- 5. For good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and upon the Bankruptcy Court's approval of this Agreement, Saunders releases and discharges the Trustee from all actions that he had, has, or in the future may have arising out of the Trustee's actions prior to the date of this Agreement in connection with this adversary proceeding, but without prejudice to Saunders' pre-existing claim number 3-1 filed in Coast Leasing Corp., BKY No. 08-46370 (the "Saunders' Creditor's Claim"). Saunders is unaware of any other existing claims that he may assert against the Trustee or the Bankruptcy Estate with the exception of Saunders' right to amend the Saunders' Creditors' Claim to reflect the payment of the Settlement Funds under 11 U.S.C. §502(h).
- 6. Upon the Bankruptcy Court's approval of this Agreement, pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 7041(a) and Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(a), the Court may enter an order dismissing the adversary proceeding with prejudice. Each party shall be responsible for its own costs and attorneys' fees.
- 7. If the Bankruptcy Court does not approve this Agreement, nothing contained herein shall constitute an admission by any party hereto, nor shall anything contained herein constitute a waiver of any claims or issues by any of the parties.
- 8. It is specifically understood and agreed that the consideration hereinfore recited is in full, final, and complete compromise, settlement, accord, and satisfaction of disputed claims;

and there are no covenants, promises, or undertakings outside of this Agreement other than as specifically set forth in this Agreement.

- 9. This Agreement shall be construed under the laws of the State of Minnesota and the Parties irrevocably consent to the jurisdiction of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of Minnesota, with respect to any action to enforce the terms and provisions of the Agreement.
- 10. This Agreement shall not be amended or otherwise altered except by a writing that is signed by the parties' authorized representatives and their respective legal counsel.
- This Agreement is valid if executed in counterparts, which if read together, constitute a fully executed Agreement.

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